

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Report for the month of June, 1949.

Issued by the Government Statistician (Mr. R.J. Little), Perth 2/8/49.

This report gives the latest available figures relative to Population; Marriages; Births and Deaths; Land Settlement; State Government Revenue and Expenditure; Savings Banks; Bank Clearances; Real Estate Transactions; Sales Tax; Companies Registered and Bankruptcy; Government Railway Operations; Motor Vehicle Registrations; Trade; Building Construction; Butter Production; Gold Output and Dividends Reported; Retail Prices Index; Employment; Unemployment Benefits; Electricity Supply (Metropolitan Area) and Livestock Slaughterings.

POPULATION

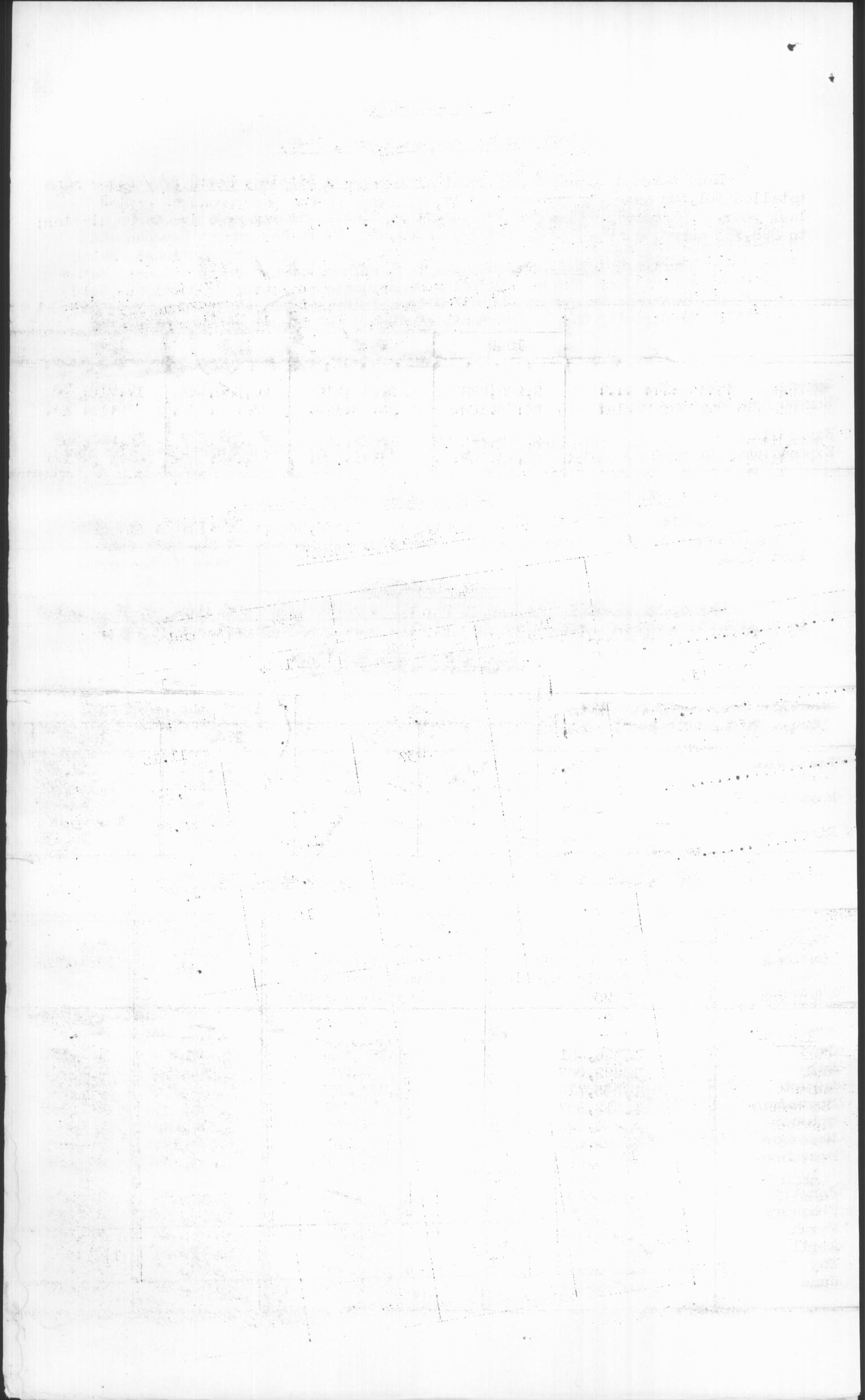
The population of the State on the 31st December 1948 was estimated to be 522,330, comprising 268,384 Males and 253,946 Females.

On the 30th June, 1947, the Population of the Metropolitan Area was 272,528.

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA

	MAY		Five Months ended MAY	
	1949	1948	1949	1948
Marriages.....No.	425	345	2,197	2,362
*Rate per 1000 of Population	9.46	7.93	10.10	11.12
Births.....No.	1,186	1,037	5,457	5,311
*Rate per 1000 of Population	26.41	23.85	25.08	25.01
Deaths.....No.	423	384	1,837	1,814
*Rate per 1000 of Population	9.42	8.83	8.44	8.54
Infant Mortality.....No. Rate per 1000 Live Births	35	23	158	139
	29.51	22.18	28.95	26.17
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<u>PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH -</u>				
Tuberculosis	7	17	51	69
Cancer	70	56	267	267
Influenza	-	-	5	-
Diphtheria	-	-	2	3
Cerebral Haemorrhage, etc.	33	25	173	164
Arteriosclerosis	20	16	77	56
Diseases of the Heart	127	119	528	502
Pneumonia and Broncho Pneumonia	27	26	93	109
Diarrhoea and Enteritis	3	2	24	9
Nephritis	7	14	42	68
Diseases of Early Infancy	19	10	91	79
Senility	5	9	36	27
Accidents	27	19	118	118
All Other Causes	78	71	330	343
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TOTAL	423	384	1,837	1,814

* Equivalent Annual Rate.



LAND SETTLEMENT.

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the six months ended June totalled 301,509 acres, a decrease of 77,992 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 898,763 acres, a decrease of 254,046 acres.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

	Month of JUNE		12 Months ended JUNE	
	1949	1948	1949	1948
Revenue	£ 2,248,788	£ 2,646,218	£ 20,560,646	£ 17,710,310
Revenue per Head of Popln.	£4. 4.10d.	£5. 2.10d.	£39. 6. 3d.	£34.16. 1d.
Expenditure	£ 2,417,472	£ 1,865,126	£ 21,377,907	£ 18,062,392
Expenditure per Head of Popln.	£4.13. 0d.	£3.12. 6d.	£40.17. 6d.	£35. 9.11d.

SAVINGS BANKS

Deposits on the 30th June amounted to £37,534,968 or £70.13.9d. per head of population as against £36,182,591 or £70.4.4d. per head as at the 30th June last year.

BANK CLEARANCES

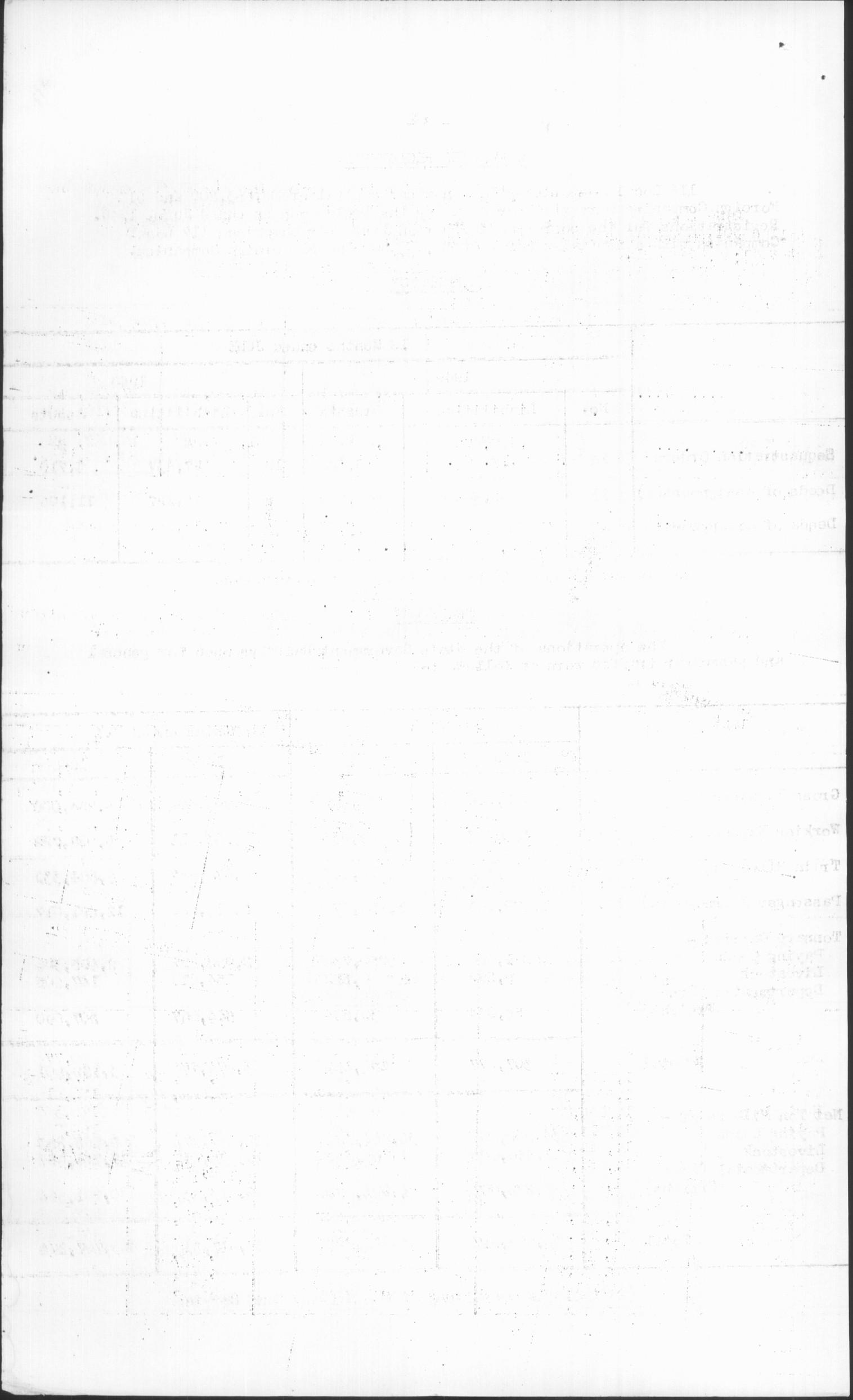
The average weekly clearances for the 5 weeks ended 29th June, 1949 amounted to £6,092,246 compared with £5,372,213 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles & Deeds	JUNE		12 Months ended JUNE	
	1949	1948	1949	1948
Transfers	No. 1,837	£ 1,206,482	19,436	17,371
Mortgages	No. 1,054	£ 982,874	11,477,590	9,392,664
Discharges of Mortgages	No. 896		10,567	10,587
			10,419,810	10,203,459
			10,042	10,419

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE & EXEMPT GOODS & TAX COLLECTED.

Month of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable (Gross)	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable (Gross)		
<u>1948</u> -	£	£	£	£
June	1,366,881	1,156,566	3,913,584	162,770
July	1,222,057	834,278	4,304,727	147,595
August	1,535,712	1,104,077	3,564,010	155,618
September	1,412,657	949,181	3,424,681	179,347
October	1,402,699	905,874	3,320,550	164,704
November	1,621,539	1,010,631	3,508,259	180,926
December	1,685,438	972,483	3,963,816	176,856
<u>1949</u> -				
January	1,638,073	836,857	3,330,179	193,500
February	1,489,294	1,079,247	3,713,023	157,545
March	1,550,362	924,269	3,448,964	175,815
April	1,530,797	835,888	3,532,224	170,391
May	1,531,002	996,629	4,517,890	184,882
June	1,903,149	1,244,920	4,520,502	195,347



COMPANIES REGISTERED.

116 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £9,563,500 and 51 Foreign Companies were registered during the twelve months ended June, 1949. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 117 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £3,328,500 and 51 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY

	12 Months ended JUNE					
	1949			1948		
	No.	Liabilities	Assets	No.	Liabilities	Assets
Sequestration Orders	19	£ 17,982	£ 3,798	15	£ 27,437	£ 4,710
Deeds of Assignment(a)	13	55,396	46,586	9	15,127	11,106
Deeds of Arrangement	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT

The operations of the State Government Railways open for general and passenger traffic were as follows :-

	MAY		11 Months ended MAY	
	1949	1948	1949	1948
Gross Earnings (a)	£ 462,500	£ 376,600	£ 4,806,400	£ 4,254,000
Working Expenses (a)	£ 585,463	£ 483,033	£ 6,123,611	£ 5,027,722
Train Miles Run	No. 598,795	No. 614,653	No. 6,478,467	No. 6,684,339
Passenger Journeys (a)	No. 1,070,183	No. 1,123,670	No. 11,813,089	No. 12,691,017
Tonnage Carried -				
Paying Goods	241,694	250,736	2,380,892	2,495,306
Livestock	9,599	8,552	154,019	147,605
Departmental (Free Freight)	56,284	39,564	544,867	507,690
Total	307,577	298,852	3,079,778	3,150,601
Net Ton Mileage of -				
Paying Goods	34,950,906	36,860,996	345,627,971	365,865,553
Livestock	1,350,004	1,000,000	19,375,611	17,759,857
Departmental (Free Freight)	8,222,007	6,291,899	82,813,936	80,081,864
Total	44,522,917	44,152,895	447,817,518	463,707,274

(a) Includes operations of the Railway Road Service

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED (EXCLUDING COMMONWEALTH OWNED VEHICLES)

Period	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (Including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (Including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
Year 1947	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1948	1,224	519	40	593	2,066	1,685	54	883
	2,083	726	63	824	4,036	2,483	114	1,376
<u>1949 -</u>								
January	162	34	3	72	291	135	11	127
February	166	62	6	109	368	210	10	182
March	201	84	4	91	451	292	6	160
April	181	95	10	107	348	265	18	190
May	235	106	7	100	471	282	14	179

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS)*

Date (As at end of Month)	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (In- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (In- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
1948 -	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
June	21,968	10,132	275	5,445	35,485	34,362	457	8,874
December	23,389	11,081	335	6,063	37,820	36,453	572	9,622
<u>1949 -</u>								
January	23,572	11,087	332	6,098	37,483	35,130	570	9,629
February	23,672	11,103	335	6,213	38,241	36,351	594	9,938
March	23,809	11,147	337	6,277	38,940	37,239	598	10,191
April	23,830	11,169	343	6,315	38,968	37,026	610	10,365
May	24,013	11,243	344	6,346	39,559	37,515	624	10,542

* Excluding Commonwealth-owned Vehicles, which comprised for April, 1949 - 128 Cars; 563 Wagons, Vans, etc.;
MAY 6 Buses and 2 Motor Cycles.

TRADE (Interstate and Overseas).

Trade of Western Australia, May 1949 and 1948 and 11 Months ending May, 1949 and 1948, expressed in terms of Australian currency :-

	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (including Ships' Stores)			
	MAY		11 Months ended MAY		MAY		11 Months ended MAY	
	1949	1948	1949	1948	1949	1948	1949	1948
Oversea	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000
	2,161	1,453	19,852	15,626	5,763	6,431	49,065	47,526
Interstate	2,745	1,815	28,069	23,130	405	446	4,269	5,271
TOTAL	4,906	3,268	47,921	38,756	6,168	6,877	53,334	52,797

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BUILDING ACTIVITY

Note: These tables supersede particulars published in previous reports of Building Permits issued by Local Authorities.

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED

Period	Dwellings				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner-Built		By Contractors etc.(a)							
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
Year 1946	55	32	1,316	1,221	52	82	145	192	1,568	1,527
Year 1947	165	109	2,245	2,380	37	64	164	327	2,611	2,880
Year 1948 1948 -	514	346	2,544	3,041	49	160	268	431	3,375	3,978
March Qr. 1949	66	48	504	552	4	4	88	76	662	680
March Qr.	194	149	523	705	13	32	73	178	803	1,054

(a) Comprises Governmental Day Labour as well as Private Contractor operations and includes Shop Dwellings and other Residential, excluded from table (2) hereunder.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION

(Including Owner-Built Homes).

Period	Houses Completed - Classified according to Materials of Outer Walls									
	Brick, Stone Concrete, etc.		Wood or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement		Other Material		Total	
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
Year 1946	578	640	186	140	373	296	227	172	1,364	1,248
Year 1947	1,114	1,365	257	196	966	862	62	47	2,399	2,470
Year 1948 1948 -	1,252	1,715	326	249	1,436	1,348	29	22	3,043	3,334
March Qr. 1949 -	247	320	72	48	245	225	3	1	567	594
March Qr.	297	447	59	48	354	352	6	5	716	852

BUTTER PRODUCTION IN FACTORIES

588,335 lbs. were produced during May, 1949 and 14,565,589 lbs. for the eleven months ended May, 1949, as against 636,265 lbs. and 14,767,326 lbs. respectively, for the corresponding periods for 1948.

GOLD PRODUCTION.

	JUNE		6 Months ended JUNE	
	1949	1948	1949	1948
Quantity ... Fine Ozs.	82,418	55,424	329,812	300,824
Value (Aust. Currency) £	887,019	596,502	3,549,596	3,237,738

Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies for the six months ended June, 1949, amounted to £286,521. Dividends reported for the corresponding period for 1948 were £324,941.

RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS.

(Base of Each Series: Weighted Average of Six Capitals for 1923/27 = 1000).

Town	Food and Groceries				All Items of Household Expenditure ("C" Series)			
	JUNE		6 Months ended JUNE		JUNE QUARTER		12 Months ended JUNE	
	1949	1948	1949	1948	1949	1948	1949	1948
Metropolitan Area	1459	1243	1397	1207	1406	1238	1336	1204
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	1598	1383	1540	1349	1498	1342	1434	1310
Northam	1477	1266	1418	1227	1419	1248	1344	1213
Bunbury	1466	1252	1408	1213	1421	1249	1350	1216
Geraldton	1496	1276	1434	1236	1472	1300	1403	1265
Collie	1482	1261	1419	1222	1353	1191	1287	1158

ESTIMATED TOTAL EMPLOYMENT.

(Excluding Rural and Private Domestic)

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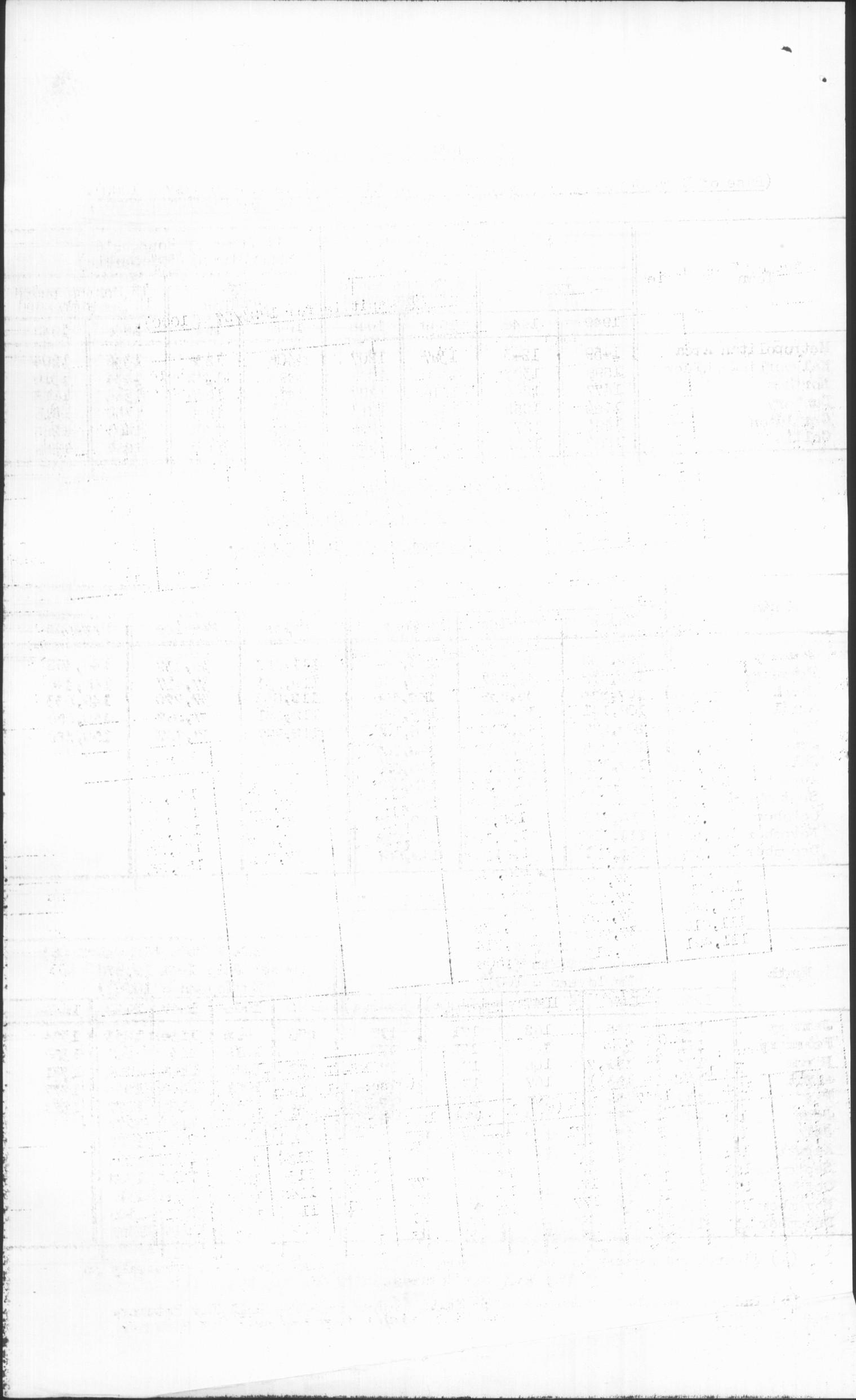
Month	1948			1949		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
January	106,732	36,366	143,098	111,653	36,839	148,492
February	106,519	36,527	143,046	110,931	37,417	148,348
March	107,574	36,832	144,406	112,063	37,770	149,833
April	108,141	36,908	145,049	112,671	37,887	150,558
May	109,227	36,880	146,107	112,777	37,782	150,559
June	109,205	36,942	146,147			
July	109,375	37,154	146,529			
August	108,611	37,073	145,684			
September	109,416	37,224	146,640			
October	110,240	37,592	147,832			
November	111,010	37,704	148,714			
December	111,491	38,015	149,506			

EMPLOYMENT INDEX SERIES.

Month	FACTORIES (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees = 100))					RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS (b) (Base: July 1941 (9,578 Employees = 1000))				
	1945	1946	1947	1948(a)	1949(a)	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949
January	142	145	162	171	177	870	995	1134	1233	1354
February	142	148	164	172	177	868	1016	1138	1249	1358
March	144	151	166	176	178	877	1045	1145	1264	1371
April	144	153	167	176	179	876	1051	1144	1264	1377
May	144	154	168	177	179	891	1069	1151	1277	1354
June	145	154	167	177		903	1087	1153	1277	
July	146	157	167	177(a)		899	1096	1168	1301	
August	145	159	167	176		897	1109	1181	1294	
September	143	160	168	177		914	1114	1172	1302	
October	141	161	168	178		929	1118	1184	1318	
November	141	158	169	178		965	1133	1215	1349	
December	145	163	170	179		1012	1165	1267	1385	

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Metropolitan Area	1459	1243	1397	1207	1406	1238	1336	1204
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	1598	1383	1540	1349	1498	1342	1434	1310
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Bunbury	1466	1252	1408	1213	1421	1249	1350	1216
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Collie	1482	1261	1419	1222	1353	1191	1287	1158

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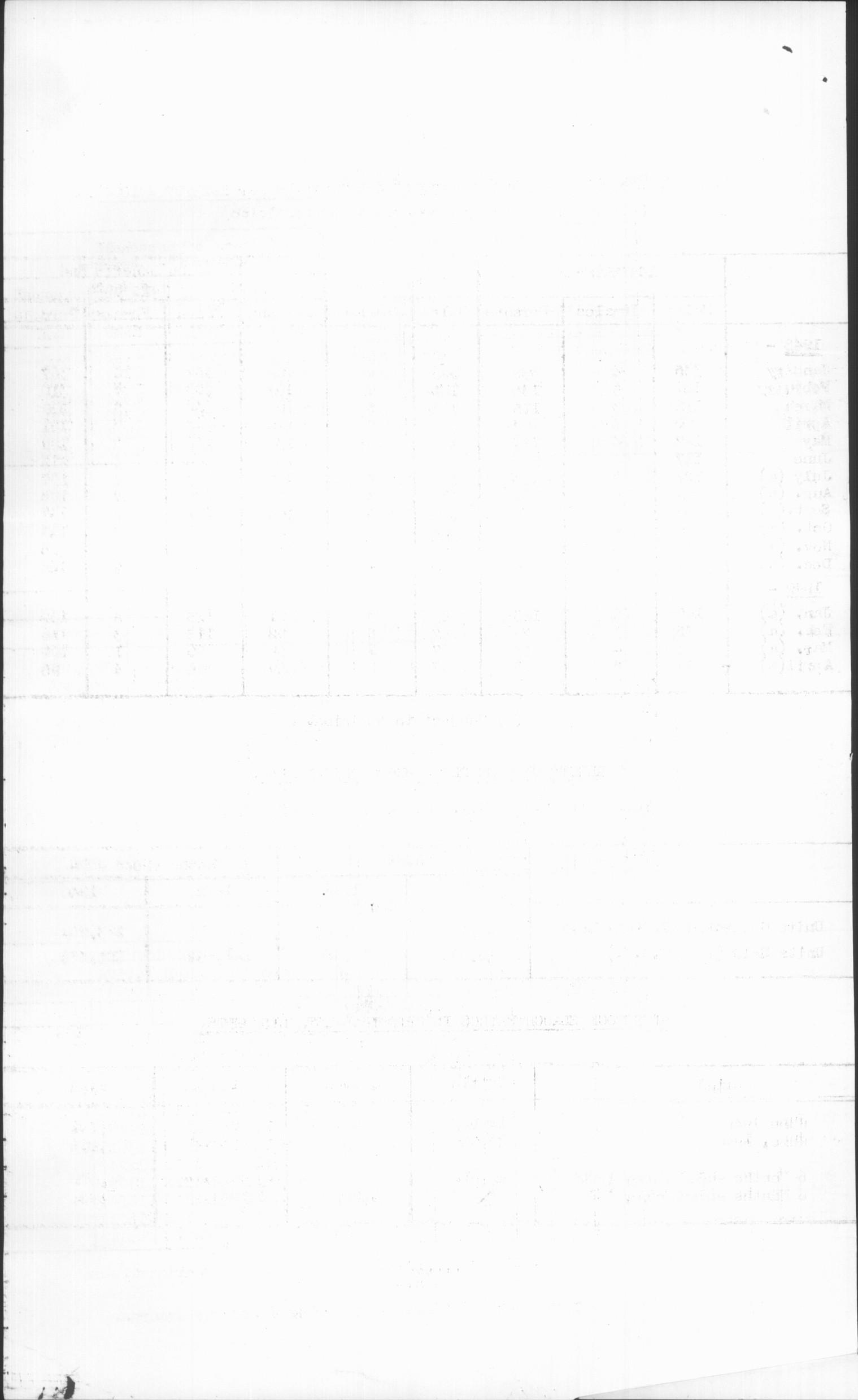
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April	108,141	36,908	145,049	112,671	37,887	150,558
May	109,227	36,880	146,107	112,777	37,782	150,559
June	109,205	36,942	146,147			
July	109,375	37,154	146,529			
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February	142	148	164	172	177	868	1016	1138	1249	1358
March	144	151	166	176	178	877	1045	1145	1264	1371
April	144	153	167	176	179	876	1051	1144	1264	1377
May	144	154	168	177	179	891	1069	1151	1277	1354
June	145	154	167	177		903	1087	1153	1277	
July	146	157	167	177(a)		899	1096	1168	1301	
August	145	159	167	176		897	1109	1181	1294	
September	143	160	168	177		914	1114	1172	1302	
October	141	161	168	178		929	1118	1184	1318	
November	141	158	169	178		965	1133	1215	1349	
December	145	163	170	179		1012	1165	1267	1385	

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UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

(Figures supplied by Commonwealth Statistician)

	Admittances			Discharges			On Benefit End of Month		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
<u>1948 -</u>									
January	335	4	339	393	9	402	357	10	367
February	131	5	136	185	8	193	303	7	310
March	112	3	115	181	5	186	234	5	239
April	90	4	94	140	2	142	184	7	191
May	127	4	131	125	8	133	186	3	189
June	117	6	123	97	3	100	206	6	212
July (a)	128	5	133	141	7	148	193	4	197
Aug. (a)	95	6	101	110	3	113	178	7	185
Sept. (a)	68	2	70	105	3	108	141	6	147
Oct. (a)	66	5	71	92	8	100	115	3	118
Nov. (a)	44	2	46	64	4	68	95	1	96
Dec. (a)	49	1	49	38	-	38	106	2	108
<u>1949 -</u>									
Jan. (a)	107	6	113	88	3	91	125	5	130
Feb. (a)	75	3	78	87	5	92	113	3	116
Mar. (a)	63	-	53	67	2	69	99	1	100
April (a)	59	5	64	67	2	69	91	4	95

(a) Subject to Revision.

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA.

(Generated by the W.A. Government Power Station)

	JUNE		12 Months ended JUNE	
	1949	1948	1949	1948
Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.)	19,221	19,663	220,686	223,961
Units Sold (1000 K.W.H.)	16,521	16,969	187,682	191,473

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
June 1949	12,500	530	42,923	7,141
June, 1948	13,963	334	37,791	6,995
6 Months ended June, 1949	48,012	2,326	349,543	54,970
6 Months ended June, 1948	47,197	1,527	295,103	55,424

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